

(f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) The Indo-Iranian Joint Commission met at Tehran from 10-12 November, 1991.

(b) The meeting resulted in several decisions for promoting bilateral cooperation in the trade and economic, industrial, cultural, consular, scientific and technical exchanges for the field of agricultural research and training, and an MOU on consular matters were also concluded during the Joint Commission meeting.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The talks laid the ground for further expansion and development of Indo-Iranian relations.

(e) Yes, Sir.

(f) The Iranian side stated that the Kashmir issue is an internal matter for India and expressed support for India's Sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Setting up of Standing Committee of National Water Board

2426. SHRI N. DENNIS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to set up a Standing Committee of the National Water Board for the implementation of the National Water Policy; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir,

(b) It has been proposed by the National

Water Board that a standing committee be set up for implementing the various recommendations of the National Water Policy.

Appointment of Ambassadors to Newly Recognised Independent States of USSR

2427. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have appointed Ambassadors to the newly recognised Independent States of USSR; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The Government has decided to appoint Ambassadors to the newly recognised independent states of Estonian, Latvia and Lithuania on a concurrent accreditation basis from nearby countries. The agreements of these States is awaited for the appointments proposed.

Allotment to LPG Agencies and Petrol Pumps

2428. SHRI DHARMANNA MONDAYYA SADUL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply given to Unstarred Question NO. 149 on July 16, 1991 and to state:

(a) whether the letters of Intent for dealership given by the various Oil Companies during the first six months of 1991 have since been reviewed;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken thereon?

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRISHAN KUMAR): (a) to (c) the letters of Intent given for dealerships are under review.

[Translation]

Allotment of Petrol/Diesel Retail Outlets and LPG Agencies in Haryana

2429. SHRI DHARAMPAL SINGH MALIK:
DR. LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of petrol/diesel retail outlets and LPG agencies in Hissar, Jind, Sonapat, Bahadurgarh, Rohtak, Panipat and Karnal districts of Haryana;

(b) the number of these allotted to the persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(c) the number of such agencies and outlets proposed to be allotted in these districts to persons belonging Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes during 1991-92, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI S. KRIHSAN KUMAR): (a) 216 Retail Outlets and 47 LPG distributorships.

(b) 7 Retail Outlets and 12 LPG distributorships.

(c) Based on the existing Roaster system 25% of any proposed allocation will be reserved for SCs & STs. This reservation is

done state-wise and not district-wise.

[English]

Indian Militant Outfits in United Kingdom

2430. SHRI SHRAVAN KUMAR: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the United Kingdom had recently undertaken to effectively deal with the Indian militant outfits operating from their territory; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAV SINGH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The British Government has recently undertaken some effective steps to deal with Indian militant outfits operating from its territory. This is evident from the following actions:

- (i) Conviction of three Sikh terrorists, Gursharn Sarkaria, Suptal Binjia & Paramjit Singh Sidhu on 24 July 91 to imprisonment of 15 years, 10 years and 11 years respectively.
- (ii) Issue of deportation orders against Karamjit Singh Chahal on 25 July '91.
- (iii) Passage of exclusion orders against Shingara Singh Mann of Babbar Khalsa, France, who was intending to attend a meeting of Sikh extremists in UK.
- (iv) Extradition to Canada of Inderjit Singh Reyat.